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In re Application of:
Nallan, et al.

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For: Apparatus for Controlling a
Thermal Conductivity Profile for
a Pedestal in a Semiconductor
Wafer Processing Chamber

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 3, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated April 3, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 3, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/6493/AOP, \$240.00 for excess claim fees, and any additional amount for other fees, including extension of time fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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The prior art made of record is noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicants' disclosure than the primary references cited in the office action. Therefore, it is believed that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not deemed necessary for a full and complete response to this office action. Accordingly, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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